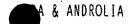
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Dear Sir.

The above-identified patent application was filed on December 17, 2004. However, to date, Applicant has not yet received a Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 or a filing receipt or an Office Action.

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